

2002 Annual Report Executive Summary

Greater Portsmouth Enterprise Community

2002 was a productive year during which the Enterprise Community focused on its remaining benchmarks. Each of the active benchmarks has secured stable funding and our provider partners are making considerable progress toward stated goals. Combined new funding received during the year totaled \$5,412,000. New sources of support for existing and new benchmarks are actively being sought. Funding requests as of 12/31/02 total \$720,400. Several other proposals are in the early development stage. No new benchmarks became active during 2002. However, benchmarks #3, #7, #39, #42, #43, #44, #45, #46 and #47 were revised to accommodate additional funding and/or expanded services. Benchmark #33 was de-activated due to a cessation of gas line installation activity by Horizon Utilities. Activities and services described in inactive benchmarks #4-#8-#9-#11-#13 remain as integral components of broader based, countywide programs. The Brownfields Initiative continues to make progress. Another major step toward reclamation and development of the New Boston site was taken with an award of \$3,000,000 in Clean Ohio funds to the Southern Ohio Port Authority (SOPA) for clean up of an additional 30 acres. The details of that project are included in the "Most Significant Accomplishments" section of the narrative. Support for local entrepreneurs continues through the Southern Ohio Growth Partnership (SOGP) and the Portsmouth Inner City Development Corporation (PIDC). These EC partners have provided loan support to a total of 15 new or existing businesses during the past year. The commitment to increased access to health services has resulted in substantial growth in terms of funding and number of patients served. Both the CAO Primary Health Clinic and the CAO Center for Dental Wellness have expanded with support of new funding sources.